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In re Application of:

Gregory M. Chapman

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For: APPARATUS FOR APPLICATION OF ADHESIVE TAPE SEMICONDUCTOR

DEVICES

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Mail Stop Issue Fee Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant submits herewith Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal for the above-captioned application and a check in the amount of \$1,715.00 in payment therefor plus five (5) copies of the patent when issued.

Also, enclosed is an Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a) (27 pages), plus attached Replacement Sheets of Drawings (5 sheets) and Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

Made (5 sheets); Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance (2 pages); and Fee Addressee for Receipt of PTO Notices Relating to Maintenance Fees (2 pages).

Applicant understands that no additional fees are required. However, if the Office determines that any comparison fees or other additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fees to TraskBritt Deposit Account No. 20-1469. A copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Examiner indicates:

The prior art of record fails to suggest the claimed systems, particularly having an application apparatus having a cutting apparatus for cutting a first increment of a first length of adhesively coated material and for applying the first increment to a first portion of a semiconductor die mounting site of a the[sic] leadframe when the leadframe is at a first location and for cutting a second increment of a second

length of adhesively coated material and for applying the second increment to the second location of a second portion of a semiconductor die mounting site of the leadframe after the leadframe has been subsequently indexed to a second location. VanNortwick et al. teach an apparatus for cutting and applying adhesive tape to a leadframe which includes two tape reels (44) for supplying double sided adhesive tape (54) and a tape cutter assembly (52) which receives the two lengths of tape and the leadframe (12) and has two cutters (82) for cutting the tape and applying the two lengths of tape simultaneously to the leadframe. The apparatus of VanNortwick is not configured for indexing the leadframe to one location, cutting and applying the first length of tape, indexing the leadframe to a second location and then cutting and applying the second length of tape and there is no suggestion to modify it.

Applicants concur with the reasons as stated by the Examiner insofar as they comprise a summary, and are exemplary and not limiting. However, the independent claims as allowed include other and different language than that specified by the Examiner, and the allowed dependent claims include other and further features and elements. Accordingly, the scope of the claims must be determined from the literal language of each as a whole, as well as equivalents thereof.

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